

**ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2007  
AT THE ABP BOARDROOM, CALGARY, ALBERTA**

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<b>PRESENT:</b>	Erik Butters	- Chair	Motion by Eddleston/Thiessen
	Darcy Davis	- Past Chair	
	Rick Burton	- Vice-Chair	<b>“That the Agenda be adopted with changes noted above, plus any other additions or deletions that are deemed necessary throughout the course of the meeting.”</b>
	Gerald Maser	- Zone 1	
	Brent Carey	- Zone 2	
	Ernie Israelson	- Zone 3	
	<i>11:30 – noon (via telephone)</i>		Carried.
	Gordy Cunningham	- Zone 3	
	Judy Fenton	- Zone 4	
	Millie Boake	- Zone 5	
	Doug Sawyer	- Zone 5	
	Diane Panrucker	- Zone 6	
	Rick McKnight	- Zone 7	
	Darcy Eddleston	- Zone 8	
	Donna Noullett	- Zone 9	
	Shelley Morrison	- Zone 9	
	Stuart Thiessen	- CFC Chair	
	Dave Solverson	- CFC	
	Chuck MacLean	- CFC	
	Steve Primrose	- CIC Chair	<b>“That the Minutes of the December 4, 2006 Board of Directors meeting be adopted with correction.”</b>
			Carried.
<b>STAFF:</b>	Peggy LeSueur	- General Manager	(b) Minutes of December 5, 2006 Meeting
	Adrienne Waller	- Corp. Counsel	
	Laura Procnier	- Controller	Motion by Fenton/Sawyer
	Rich Smith	- Environ. Mgr.	<b>“That the Minutes of the December 5, 2006 Board of Directors meeting be adopted.”</b>
	Reynold Bergen	- AH & W Mgr.	
	Mike Spear	- Comm. Mgr.	
	Rosanne Allen	- Exec. Asst.	
	Elaine Deeg	- Recording Sec.	Carried.
<b>GUESTS:</b>	Arno Doerksen	- CBEF	(c) Minutes of December 6, 2006 Meeting
	Dennis Laycraft	- CCA	
	Hugh Lynch-Staunton	- CCA	Motion by Maser/Morrison
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Kelly Olson	- Finance Chair	<b>“That the Minutes of the December 6, 2006 Board of Directors meeting be adopted.”</b>
	Tony Saretsky	- CIC	
			Carried.

**1. Call to Order**

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Chairman Butters called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

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Postpone to February, 2007 ABP Board meeting Item 4(i) Review/approve letter regarding CAIS program payments;  
Add Item 6(e)(iv) Technical Committee Resolution on Johne’s Disease under Technical Committee Report;  
Add Item 6(e)(viii) Canadian Cattlemen’s Report;  
Add Item 6(e) (ix) Intensive Livestock Working Group.

**4. Finance Report**

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In the absence of Olson, Procnier presented the Statement of Financial Position as at December 31, 2006.

Motion by Fenton/MacLean

**“That the Financial Report be accepted as presented for information purposes.”**

Carried.

**5. Items for Decision**

(a) Deal with Resolutions from fall meetings that were delegated to the Board:

- 1) Moved by McKnight/Carey  

“Be it resolved during their budget deliberation ABP and its committees recognize and bear in mind the 50% industry funding requirement of ALIDF fund 3, and leverage their industry funds when possible.”  
*Zone 2*  
 Carried.
- 2) “Be it resolved check off be collected on purebred sales.”  
*Zone 4*  
 Redundant.
- 3) Moved by Fenton/no seconder  

“Be it resolved ABP help with promotion of North West Consolidated Beef Producers, should they be asked.”  
*Zone 4*
- 4) Moved by Panrucker/McKnight  

“Be it resolved ABP immediately develop an aggressive policy to counter the power of the packer monopoly in Canada.”  
*Zone 6*  
 Defeated.

Motion by Thiessen/Morrison

**“That Resolutions 5 and 6 be forwarded to and dealt with by Government Affairs Committee, following which, the Government Affairs Committee will report back to the Board of Directors.**

Carried.
- 5) “Be it resolved ABP lobby the Federal Government to expand the CAIS program to include a broader range of all available expenses such as custom work and machinery repairs.”  
*Zone 7*
- 6) “Be it resolved ABP lobby the Federal Government to have the CAIS program use more accurate price discovery on inventory. For example: bred cows, cull bulls.”  
*Zone 7*

- 7) Moved by McKnight/Morrison  

“Be it resolved ABP lobby the Provincial Government to explore avenues on how beef producers can exit the industry.”  
*Zone 7*  
 Primrose abstained  
 Defeated.
- 8) Moved by Carey/Burton  

“Be it resolved the ABP Board of Directors take the necessary steps to amend the ABP’s authorization regulation and the cattle marketing regulation to enable the Board to update and maintain an updated producer mailing and voting list.”  
*Zone 2*  
 Carried.

Motion by Maser/Eddleston

**“That Resolutions 9, 10 and 11 be declared Redundant on the grounds that similar Resolutions were discussed at the Alberta Beef Producers Annual General Meeting.”**  
 Carried.
- 9) “Be it resolved ABP investigate and study the implications of subsidized Bioindustry as it affects Alberta’s agriculture industry.”  
*Zone 2*
- 10) “Be it resolved ABP develop a research paper examining the economic impact of ethanol production.”  
*Zone 2*
- 11) “Be it resolved ABP study the economic and nutritional implications of using by-products from ethanol or Biodiesel in beef production.”  
*Zone 4*
- 12) Resolution 12 was declared Out of Order by Chairman Butters.  

“Be it resolved that ABP zone voting policy be to vote for the number of positions open in the zone, any ballot representing more or less than the number of positions will be considered invalid.”  
*Zone 2*

The Resolution will be postponed for discussion and recommendation to the ABP Semi-Annual Meeting at which time the Resolution recommendation will be forwarded to the Plan Review Committee.

**DIRECTION to forward Resolution 12 to Producer Liaison Committee for their review.**

- (b) Confirm membership on Committees; select Vice-Chairs for each Committee:

Motion by Sawyer/Noullett

**“That the Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors accept the structure of the Committee membership list as circulated with revisions.”**

Carried.

The Board discussed whether there was a need to select a Vice-Chairman for each Committee. Consensus was that a Vice-Chairman should be assigned to each Committee.

Motion by Maser/Primrose

**“That the Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors leave the decision to have a Committee Vice-Chair to the respective Committees, and selection of a Vice-Chairman shall be made within the Committees.”**

Carried.

- (c) Review CCIA proposal for full animal tracking

Burton advised that information on the CCIA proposal for Full Animal Movement Tracking was included in the Agenda package. Bergen explained how the comments had been drafted. Bergen was instructed by the Board to amend the wording on Livestock Identification Services.

**DIRECTION to forward the second portion (the unnumbered page) of the “Proposed Draft Industry Strategy for a Phased in Approach to Full Animal Movement Reporting within the Livestock Industry in Canada” to CCIA.**

- (d) Select Beef Information Centre (BIC) alternate:

At the ABP AGM, Mike Cook, BIC Chair, requested that a Beef Information Centre alternate be appointed from the ABP Board of Directors.

Motion by Noullett/Boake

**“That the Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors appoint a Beef Information Centre alternate.”**

Carried.

Boake nominated Morrison. Nominations were called three times. Fenton moved nominations cease.

Shelley Morrison was declared the Beef Information Centre alternate.

- (e) Select a Plan Review working group:

Waller recommended that a Working Group be selected to review the three ABP Plan Regulations. The Board agreed that the Group should have an Executive member, a cow/calf representative, a Cattle Feeder Council representative, an industry representative and a staff representative. Selection of the Working Group will be made at the February Board meeting.

- (f) Review/approve ABP Land Use Position Paper:

Burton advised that the draft ABP Land Use Position Paper dated November 30, 2006 was included in the Agenda package.

The Board agreed that this paper is a good starting point for future ABP Policy development on the issue.

Motion by Panrucker/Morrison

**“That the Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors approve in principle the Land Use Position Paper dated November 30, 2006 and presented to the January 18, 2007 Board meeting, subject to further development as direction of land use initiatives becomes more clear.”**

Carried.

- (g) Review/approve ABP Bioenergy Position Paper and research direction:

Thiessen advised that the draft ABP Bioenergy Strategy (Policy Development, Information Requirements and Research Priorities) and the Biofuels Information Summary were included in the Agenda package. The impact of Bioenergy policies and incentives were reviewed by Thiessen. CCA would like to investigate what will happen to beef consumption when the price of beef at the counter increases, and as well, get an understanding of what grain prices are going to do.

Motion by Panrucker/Fenton

**“That the Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors approve in principle the Bioenergy Position Paper dated January 9, 2007 and presented to the January 18, 2007 Board meeting.”**

Carried.

**DIRECTION for Thiessen to prepare a list of available resources on bioenergy, for use by ABP Delegates.**

- (h) Task Force for dealing with AGM Resolution No. 18 regarding beef marketing activities:

The Resolution read: "Be it resolved that ABP and CCA investigate the feasibility of combining the industry's International and North American beef marketing activities under one organization."

The CBEF Semi-Annual meeting will be held in February, 2007.

**DIRECTION to add this item to the February ABP Board meeting for decision on next steps.**

- (i) Discussion/approval on setting up a contract regarding Rule 2 legal action/lobbying:

Simeon Kriesberg, ABP's lawyer in the last court case (injunction) in Washington, joined the meeting via telephone to update the Board on the status of the R-CALF action and Rule 2. The appeal by R-CALF from the decision of the Montana court to dismiss its application for a permanent injunction with respect to Rule 1 is proceeding to a hearing before the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit. The next step is for the U.S. government to file their written brief by mid-February. Amicus briefs are due one week after the government files its brief. CCA will be filing an Amicus brief. Kriesberg felt ABP should file an Amicus brief as well.

Motion by Primrose/Burton

**"That the Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors instruct Simeon Kriesberg to file an Amicus brief on behalf of the Alberta Beef Producers."**

Carried.

Thirty month and over Rule (Rule 2) has been officially proposed. Comments will be accepted until March 12, 2007. At that time, USDA will look at the comments and issue a final Rule. Kriesberg felt ABP should file supporting comments.

Action:

**The Board agreed that ABP follow CCA's lead on developing a comment paper, and that ABP should be a signatory on the CCA document.**

The new U.S. Farm Bill is being discussed in the U.S. The Canadian government announced it was

challenging U.S. corn subsidies on the basis that the subsidies were creating artificially low prices of corn in the Canadian market.

Laycraft added that Country of Origin Labelling (COOL) is just as big an issue as Rule 2. Laycraft feels that CCA and ABP need to think about positioning around COOL.

ABP and CCA representatives will be meeting with officials in Washington, DC during the week of January 22 and at the NCBA the following week to get additional feedback and information on all these trade issues.

**DIRECTION to add the issue of ABP engagement of a US lobbyist to the February Board.**

- (j) Anaplasmosis update and action:

Bergen distributed an ABP anaplasmosis update which included a summary of CFIA's five proposed options to deal with anaplasmosis. CCA needs to draft and submit comments to CFIA by January 24.

**DIRECTION to have Darcy Davis, Tony Saretsky, Dennis Laycraft and Reynold Bergen meet to help draft an Anaplasmosis Policy for CCA.**

- (k) Appoint a representative to vote at Alberta Beef Quality Starts Here 2007 Annual General Meeting:

- (i) Appointment to ABQSH Annual General Meeting

The ABQSH AGM will be held January 23, 2007 at the ABP office.

Motion by Thiessen/Burton

**"That the Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors appoint Millie Boake as the ABP representative at the Alberta Beef Quality Starts Here Annual General Meeting and Pat Rutledge as an observer."**

Carried.

- (ii) Appointment to Canadian Cattlemen's Association VBP/Quality Starts Here Management Group

Morrison nominated Millie Boake to replace Kelly Olson as ABP representative on CCA's VBP/Quality Starts Here Management Group. Nominations were called three times. Davis moved nominations cease.

Millie Boake was declared the ABP representative on Canadian Cattlemen's Association VBP/Quality Starts Here Management Group.

- (l) Appoint representative to Canadian Beef Cattle Research Market Development and Promotion Agency (National Agency):

Motion by McKnight/Panrucker

**“That the Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors appoint Dave Solverson to sit on the National Agency.”**

Carried.

## 6. In Camera Session

## 7. Items for Discussion

- (a) Review progress on CBEF by-law amendments:

Waller advised that Schedule “A” to the Notice of Special General Meeting—Proposed Amended By-Laws of CBEF; a Memo dated December 29, 2006 from Waller to the ABP Executive and Board of Directors; Comments on Amendments to the CBEF By-Laws; and, the CBEF Notice of Special General Meeting were included in the Agenda package. Doerksen, Israelson and Waller outlined the progress on the proposed by-law amendments.

Motion by MacLean/Maser

**“That the Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors direct Israelson to support the CBEF by-law amendment that there be no residency requirement for CBEF Directors.”**

Carried

- (b) Update on Livestock Identification and Commerce Act (LICA) - Thiessen

LIS and AAFRD met with all industry groups to continue drafting of the Regulations. Butters read a draft letter of request from David Moss to Cliff Munro.

Motion by Maser/Primrose

**“That the Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors agree to pay an additional ten percent—up to a maximum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars—towards the completion of the drafting of the Livestock Identification and Commerce Act Regulations.”**

Carried.

- (c) Ontario Cattlemen’s Association Meeting February 21, 22 – Board members to attend:

Butters will be attending the OCA Meeting on February 21. Dave Solverson will also attend the Meeting on behalf of the ABP Board of Directors.

- (e) Committee Reports

- (i) Beef Promotion

Fenton advised that the next meeting will be held February 1. The Committee Report was included in the Agenda binder. At the February 1 meeting, the Promotion Committee will be meeting with their sub-committees to discuss sponsorship and promotional items.

- (ii) Public Affairs

Sawyer reported that he recently attended an AFAC meeting. The next PA meeting will be January 30 in Calgary. Morrison has agreed to stay on for transition purposes. Morrison will continue as Chair of the Humane Transportation Task Force.

- (iii) Producer Liaison

Maser advised that the next Producer Liaison meeting will be held February 7. To date, PL has approved \$5,000 for sponsorship of the Tiffin Conference, and approved \$100 for coffee at a manure conference. Maser would appreciate receiving feedback from the zones on the 2006 fall producer meetings.

- (iv) Technical

Panrucker advised that the Technical Committee met January 16 and 17. The Committee discussed the 2006 ABP Resolution on Johne’s Disease Control and Prevention Program. Panrucker provided background on Johne’s Disease.

Motion by Carey/Morrison

**“That the Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors endorse the Technical Committee’s position paper which supports in principle AAFRD’s proposed Johne’s Disease Control and Eradication Program.”**

Carried.

- (v) Government Affairs

Eddleston advised that the Government Affairs Committee will meet February 6 in Calgary. Prior to this meeting, two issues required attention: Appointments were made to the Regional Grazing Timber Advisory Committee; and, a letter was sent to

then Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, Dave Coutts.

Ted Morton, incoming Minister, SRD, replied regarding Tax Recovery Land in Taber. The letter of response from the Minister of SRD, together with ABP's correspondence on this issue, will be forwarded to John DeGroot for his information, as he was the person who brought this matter to the attention of ABP. Burton added that he is a member of the Grazing Lease Cost Study. Their Chair has initiated a meeting with the Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, Ted Morton, on January 26.

(vi) Cattle Feeder Council

Thiessen reported that CFC held a meeting earlier this month. At the meeting mandatory price reporting was discussed. A sub-committee, chaired by Leighton Kolk, was formed to meet with packers to discuss mandatory price reporting. Thiessen asked that the Government Affairs sub-committee on CAIS contact CFC for input.

(vii) Cattle Industry Council

Primrose reported that CIC will be holding a meeting in Red Deer on Friday February 23. Primrose was honored to meet with Federal Minister of Agriculture Chuck Strahl on January 8, as part of a CCIA contingent.

(viii) Canadian Cattlemen's Association

Davis reported that ABP has not yet submitted a response to the CCA structural review. Davis will vet the questionnaire through Travis Toews and then, if necessary, set up a conference call with the ABP Board. CCA hopes to have this matter concluded by March.

(ix) Intensive Livestock Working Group

Thiessen provided background information on Bacon Acres.

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**8. General Information**

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- (a) Board Resolution Table;
- (b) AGM Resolution Table;
- (c) Beef Supply at a Glance.

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**9. Next Meeting Dates**

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- (a) Board Meeting – Thursday, February 22, 2007, Red Deer

(b) Board Meeting – Thursday, March 15, 2007 - Calgary

(c) Board Meeting – Thursday April 19, 2007 – Calgary

(d) Board Meeting – Thursday May 17, 2007 – Calgary

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**10. Adjournment**

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The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Morrison at 4:45 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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GENERAL MANAGER